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Investigation Called Over Barile Hookup to Sewer Line

By David Propper

As Carmel town board members call for an investigation into a sewer hookup on a property owned by Councilman Michael Barile, the bombastic businessman remained defiant that the connection was not a problem.

Barile is facing heat after it was revealed in a letter from the New York City Department of Protection that his property where Blu at the Lakehouse is located was connected to sewer and not a using septic system after Barile had said earlier this year the property used septic. The DEP visited the site on Sept. 4 to conduct a dye test on the existing septic field, but DEP officials wrote in a letter to the town that the force main for Blu Restaurant was online. Barile told the DEP the cap on the force main in the manhole at the intersection of Route 6N and Clark Place was removed the previous week.

That has led to questions over how long the sewer has been hooked up to Blu and if Barile did so without the proper approvals.



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Carmel Councilman Michael Barile is facing a possible investigation into a sewer hookup at one of his properties that other town board members are calling for.

According to The Journal News, the town engineering department said there was no authorization to make a connection and the DEP has also not approved the sewer connection.

Barile's property was hit with a violation from the Putnam County Department of Health late Monday. The notice of non-compliance comes after The Journal News emailed the county a copy of a county permit from 26 years ago connected to Blu and detailed how Barile didn't comply with the conditions on the permit.

"A review of the matter was conducted and it has been determined that a violation of the Putnam County Sanitary Code and the 1993 approvals has occurred," the county wrote to Barile, according to The Journal News. "As such, a notice of non-compliance is being issued to the property owners by the Putnam County Department of Health."

Barile, in an interview, said on Sept. 3 he disconnected from his septic field and

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Once Again, Proposed Cell Towers Blasted in Mahopac

By Neal Rentz

Proposals for two monopole cell towers in Mahopac continued to be blasted by neighboring residents as public hearings on the projects continued at a Sept. 11 planning board meeting.

The two cell towers are being sought for 254 Croton Falls Rd. and 26 Dixon Rd.

Both the planning board and zoning board of appeals would need to sign off on the towers in order for them to be erected in residential neighborhoods.

Homeland Towers proposed the two towers, which would be built on private property, about a year ago, claiming the structures are needed to fill gaps in service in those areas. The Croton Falls Road tower was originally proposed to be 180 feet, but has now been reduced to 140 feet and the Dixon Road tower was originally pegged for 156 feet, but has now been lowered

to 110 feet. Still, both towers exceed the height allowable under town code, meaning variances need to be granted.

Residents who spoke during last week's hearing on the Croton Falls Road application were unanimous in their opposition.

Andrew Campanelli, an attorney representing several residents who would live near the Croton Falls Road proposed tower, laid out several objections to the plan. The proposal would violate town code, he said. "This application should be denied," he said.

If the planning board decides to deny the application it must follow the 1996 federal Telecommunications Act or would face defeat in court and the application would be approved by the court, Campanelli said. A municipality could reject a cell tower if it proved the tower would have an "adverse aesthetic impact" in the neighborhood, which is in the town code, he said.



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Robert Gaudio, an attorney representing Homeland Towers, addressed the Carmel Planning Board during the Sept. 11 meeting about his client's proposals for two cell towers.



Andrew Campanelli, an attorney representing several residents who would live near the cell tower proposed for Croton Falls Road, laid out several objections to the plan during the Sept. 11 Carmel Planning Board public hearing.

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connected to the sewer for the purpose of the DEP performing a test because officials from the agency told him they wanted to inspect the manhole and sewer line. The town engineering department is aware of the sewer hookup, Barile said.

Three applications have been submitted to the town over the past three months and Barile has attempted to pay the fees, to the tune of \$4,000, and \$6,471 in back capital charges, he said. On Monday when he went in to give in the checks, the engineering department refused to take them. He left them on the counter, but it's unknown if or when the checks will be deposited.

Town engineer Richard Franzetti could

not comment on the sewer line at Blu at the direction of the town board.

Barile said it is untrue that he doesn't have permission from the DEP to hook up to the sewer and the only permit he needs now is from the state department of transportation. He said he already had authorization from the town when a resolution was passed in the early 1990s to use the sewer as an outside user.

As the DEP continues to investigate the matter, Barile said he is waiting for further instructions. He said he, his engineer and his attorney have called the DEP multiple times for further guidance and has yet to hear back the agency. A DEP spokesman could not be reached before press time.

"We did what the DEP wanted and now we're waiting for an answer," Barile said, adding the criticism he is facing is "insane."

But Barile's colleagues on the town board aren't coming to his defense.

Supervisor Kenny Schmitt said Barile told him and the engineering department on Sept. 10 that the force main to Blu was connected and operational. Schmitt said the town board would seek advice from outside legal counsel that has not been determined yet.

According to a resolution from the early 1990s granting the Blu Restaurant property out of district use, it is contingent on conditions that need to be met first in order to hook up, Schmitt said.

"To the best of my knowledge they haven't been met yet," Schmitt said. "If you're asking if he should've been tapped into the

main without first obtained those permits, my answer is yes, he should've received those permits first."

When asked if he thought Barile has done anything wrong, Schmitt demurred and said he didn't want to comment at this time.

Schmitt had publicly defended Barile countless times before and even last week said he believed Barile has done a fine job overall as a councilman.

"We're going to look into it and hopefully we're going to have more answers with what's going happen going forward," Schmitt said, adding the town hasn't determined who removed the cap to hook up to the sewer line.

Councilman John Lupinacci echoed Schmitt's words and said the town board needs to hire outside counsel regarding Barile and the sewer connection because town attorney Greg Folchetti has recused himself. Lupinacci said his recusal is because Folchetti works for every town board member as town counsel.

"If (Barile) did anything right or wrong, that is to be determined," Lupinacci said. "We're at the early stage at realizing what our options are and what can be done and what should be done."

While Lupinacci stressed he wants to wait for all the facts to come out, he noted Barile is not supposed to connect because he lacks certain approvals. Further investigation will hopefully reveal when and why Barile connected to the sewer line, Lupinacci said.

In addition to outside counsel, there could be talks with the Putnam County District

Attorney's Office and New York State Comptroller's Office, Lupinacci said.

"If he hooked up a week ago, it changes things," Lupinacci said. "If he hooked up 28 years ago, it's a different story. We have to figure this out."

Councilwoman Suzi McDonough has also called for an investigation, according to The Journal News.

Barile said people should wait until all the information comes out before casting judgment.

Putnam Democratic Committee chair Scott Reing, who is a Carmel resident, said he believes if Barile was hooked up without the correct authorization, even for just a day, he should resign from the town board. Hooking up to the sewer without proper permits could be a theft of services, Reing said.

"If we had a board member steal \$100 bill from a lockbox in town hall, we would demand that they resign and this is the same thing," Reing said. "If it was true he was hooked up and he wasn't paying the sewer and sewer tax then I think it's a reason to resign."

"Any town employee who steals assets or services from the town should be employed by the town," Reing added.

Barile scoffed at the suggestion he step down and that there was possible theft of services, stressing everything was paid appropriately.

"If you're asking me if I'm going to resign, oh no, definitely not," Barile said. "It gets me madder, it makes me work harder."

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Q: How do you use SAVI SCOUT during surgery and what's the outcome?

A: I have a console connected to a flexible wand to help guide me through surgery. The wand sends an infrared light into the reflector, which turns it on, and then the reflector starts emitting a signal that's picked up by the wand. During the procedure I remove the abnormality and the reflector. Overall, women recover well with SAVI SCOUT. I make smaller incisions and remove less healthy tissue because I go straight to the lesion, so it's also cosmetically beneficial for the patient.

Tax Bill Error Leads to Confusion Throughout County

By David Propper

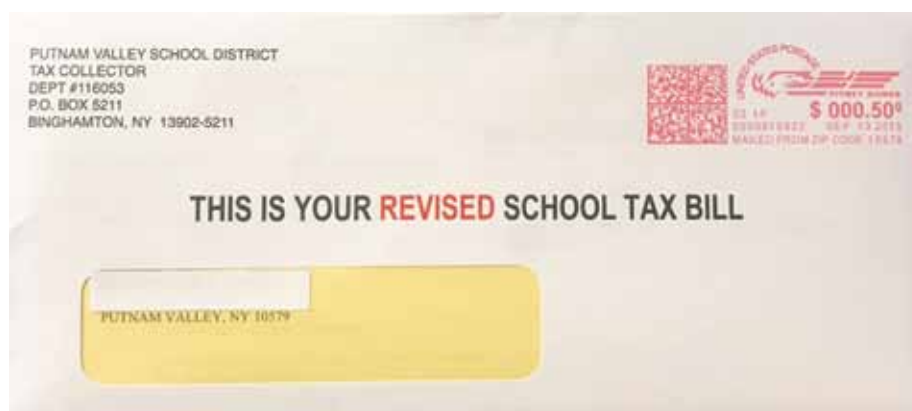
Confusion has reigned over Putnam County the last couple weeks as school tax bills sent to property owners had the incorrect amount they owed.

Many property owners were either sent a bill where they were asked to pay too much or too little because of an error in the county's department of finance. The county sent out a press release earlier this month acknowledging the screw-up and telling property owners not to pay their school tax bill to the local receiver of taxes. An extension has been granted to property owners as revised school tax bills with the correct amount are sent to households in the coming days. School districts have also alerted residents on their website of the error by the county.

Town officials have been on the frontlines of the error that has affected 43,000 properties.

Residents have contacted Southeast Supervisor Tony Hay about surprises in their tax bills, including one veteran that received a \$0 tax bill and another veteran that got only a \$1,500 tax bill when he should've gotten a \$9,500 bill. Because veterans got more of a reduction than they were supposed to, other taxpayers had to bear the brunt of higher tax bills, Hay said.

While Hay was out campaigning one night prior to the tax bill snafu discovery, one woman told him she got her school tax bill and it was half of what she was expecting.



A new, revised tax bill is being sent out to property owners.

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At the time, Hay didn't think much of it, but when the error surfaced he called her to let her know not to spend the extra money she thought she was going to be able to hang onto.

"It's major, I just feel bad for anyone coming in unaware of it," Hay said. "It's a mess, but look, human error, mistakes happen and we'll live with it."

Hay credits the county for taking full responsibility for the screw-up and working with the towns to rectify the situation. Hay

did note the paperwork for the town will be "catastrophic."

Patterson Supervisor Rich Williams said last week a "complete reset" needs to be undertaken since every taxpayer will be receiving a new tax bill. The additional workload for his tax receiver's office will be substantial.

The county has told supervisors it will reimburse the municipalities for some of the costs, including the tax collection software and any changes that need to be made to the

database, the bill reprints and the mailings. The county has not told supervisors if it will pay for the additional labor needed now in the receiver of taxes' office to mitigate the loads of extra work the office is dealing with, Williams said.

"There's going to be a fair amount of additional work," Williams said. "The receiver of taxes, they normally get the bills at the end of August, they have a week or two to go through them, check them out, make sure everything is OK. They have to redo all that work and they have to redo it all in a couple of days."

Additionally, refunds need to be given back to property owners for those people that already sent in their checks and paid too much, Williams pointed out.

Putnam Valley Supervisor Sam Oliverio said there has been a lot of concern from people that already paid, wondering what they are going to do now. Oliverio said the county has sent an advisory making it clear what needs to be done for those that paid an incorrect bill.

There was a conference call with all towns and the county last week that lasted about two hours.

Most people can expect a reimbursement, Oliverio said, though veterans will likely see an increase in their tax bill.

"Most of the calls I've gotten are from seniors who tend to pay right away and they're panicking," Oliverio said, though when he told most of them they'd likely get money back, it made them happy.

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9-11 Remembered Throughout Putnam County

By David Propper

Last week marked 18 years since thousands died on 9-11 and America changed forever.

Terrorists attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in an empty field in Pennsylvania changed the fabric of the nation on Sept. 11, 2001 and people across Putnam County gathered last Wednesday to remember those fallen and honor the countless heroes that day produced in the face of evil. Multiple ceremonies were held in the county, including at Sameday Retirement Community in Brewster bright and early to solemnly remember when the first plane hit the north tower at 8:46 a.m. on a clear fall day.

Brewster resident Jack Gress, who started the remembrance in 2006, said when he began what would eventually become an annual tradition, he thought people were starting to forget about 9-11 and the victims and heroes from that day. While the first year just involved the retirement community, the next year it was opened up to the public.

"All the people were forgetting, I don't want the people to ever forget," Gress said. "I used to see flags all over every house and then the flags were no longer out so we started the event to get the flags put back out."

In the retirement community, every home has an American flag.

Brewster resident and county veterans agency deputy director Art Hanley said in the aftermath of 9-11, there was absolute

unity in the country. People didn't see each other as Democrats or Republicans or liberals or conservatives.

"The world came together to help," Hanley said during the ceremony. "And that's one of the things today is about. It's a day of giving, we're all supposed to volunteer and help each other and we need to bring that spirit back."

It's important for those adults to teach younger people that weren't alive when 9-11 occurred what happened that day and why it's imperative to never forget, he said.

Hanley stressed it was also important to remember there are still servicemen and servicewomen fighting the war on terror to this day, 18 years after the 9-11. (The US embassy in Kabul faced a rocket attack last Wednesday, but no injuries were reported.)

"We forget as we get up and out to work each day we're still at war," Hanley said.

Men and women are also dying from exposure to the debris and dust they inhaled at Ground Zero in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks that need to be remembered, Hanley said.

Brewster resident June Offerman said most people can recall exactly where they were and what they were doing when news of the Twin Towers being struck began to spread. She was working in the Carmel school district office in Patterson and turned on the television to sights of the first plane and then second plane hitting the two towers less than 30 minutes apart.

"It was like watching a disaster movie, only this was very real," Offerman said.



DAVID PROPPER PHOTOS

"The days that followed were almost surreal. The idea that we were invincible had been swept away."

Ceremonies were also held at Cornerstone Park in Carmel, at the Elks Club in Brewster and at Putnam Valley town hall later in the day.

Eight Putnam residents died on 9-11: Thomas Kuveikis of Carmel (FDNY), 48; Robert Minara of Carmel (FDNY), 54; Christopher J. Blackwell of Patterson (FDNY), 42; George Kain of Patterson (FDNY), 35; Daniel Harlan of Kent (FDNY), 41; Stephen Patrick Driscoll of Lake Carmel (NYPD), 38; George Paris of Lake Carmel (Cantor Fitzgerald), 33 and David Fodor of Garrison (Fiduciary Trust International), 38.



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Putnam Hospital Center Honors Dr. Carl Calica

By Abby Luby

Exceptional medical skills coupled with a deep sense of compassion make for a first-rate doctor. A doctor of that caliber is Dr. Carl Calica who was honored last Saturday at the Putnam Hospital Center annual, black-tie Moonlight Ball in Carmel.

Calica is PHC’s Chief of Surgery and has been at the hospital since 2003. Every year for the last ten years, Calica has spent two weeks in the Philippines offering free surgical procedures and operations to those unable to afford professional medical help. He served as president of the Society of Philippines Surgeons in America (SPSA) in 2015; the respected organization was founded in 1972.

“I work with doctors who come from all over the world, doctors who are plastic surgeons, gynecologists, ophthalmologists and dentists,” Calica said. “We perform a variety of surgeries, including cleft palate reconstruction. Those who are indigent and who have no chance of getting medical help, come to us at their local or government hospital where we can cure them. It gives them hope. Helping them has always been quite rewarding.”

One of Calica’s ties to the Philippines was studying at his father’s medical school, the Far Eastern University Institute of Medicine in Manila. Calica went on to complete his internship at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, followed by a General Surgery residency at Harlem Hospital Center.



ABBY LUBY PHOTO

Dr. Calica’s sons Maxwell, Marcus, Dr. Calica and his wife Rosamon, their daughter-in-law Chelsea Lumaque, Calica’s son Miguel Lumaque at Putnam Hospital Center annual, black-tie Moonlight Ball in Carmel.

Calica was also honored for his deft surgical skill in robotic surgery. He uses the da Vinci Si Robotics System whose state-of-the-art technology allows surgeons to perform complex procedures through dime-sized incisions. Surgeons use small controllers attached to their thumb and middle finger with a stereoscopic view from monitors. There is less cutting or blood loss.

“I was introduced to da Vinci in 2012 when it was a relatively new surgical technique,” Calica recalled. “It has several advantages, but most importantly, the recovery involves less pain, which lessens the need for narcotic pain killers.”

To date, Calica said he has performed about 600 robotic surgeries.

Calico and his wife, Rosamon, reside in Briarcliff Manor. They were joined at the Moonlight Ball by their sons Maxwell, Marcus and Miguel Lumaque and Lumaque’s wife, Chelsea Lumaque.

Calica came to Putnam Hospital Center in 2003 when he joined the practice of Drs.

Lyda Rojas and Adam Semegran, forming Putnam Surgical Associates. In 2008 he and his partners became shareholders in CareMount Medical, which is the largest independent multi-specialty medical group in New York State. Calica has been the subject of numerous awards and recognitions, including Hudson Valley Magazine Top Physician, Castle Connolly Top Doctor, and US news and World Report Top Physician.

Under the expansive white tent and the 29-candlelit tables at the hospital’s Moonlight Ball, among the approximately 250 people attending were Calica’s professional colleagues and hospital board and foundation members.

Priscilla Weaver, Executive Director of the PHC Foundation, opened the evening by inviting people to take their seats. Jerry Klein, Chairman of the PHC Foundation Board congratulated Calica for being honored.

“It is well deserved! You join a distinguished group of people who have received this honor in the past – several of whom are with us tonight,” Klein said.

Klein also thanked many medical groups, businesses and organization who helped contributed to the event. A three-minute video highlighted Calica’s significant contributions to the medical community, his patients both at PHC and in the Philippines.

Dr. Adam Semegran, co-chair for the Moonlight Ball said “We are truly grateful to Dr. Calica for his profound dedication to the hospital and our community.”



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Protestors in Peekskill Demand Cuts to ICE, Border Protection

By Abby Luby

More than 45 protestors gathered outside the office of U. S. Senator Charles Schumer (D- NY 9) at 1 Park Place in Peekskill Friday and demanded Congress cut funding for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

In 2018, ICE held and detained more than 42,000 people in custody every day in what critics characterize as substandard detention and deportation centers. The protest repeatedly condemned President Donald Trump for what the participants contend are his anti-immigration policies. Since Trump took office in 2017, funding for ICE has increased to more than \$1 billion.

Heralding the start of the protest was the drumming group PerSisters, about 10 women who loudly thumped on overturned plastic buckets. Baila Lemonik of the pro-democracy action group, Putnam Progressives said, "Immigrants are being subjected to inhumane treatment and they are being marginalized in our communities. ICE and the CBP are targeting people of color and we are raising our voices against the Trump administration to say, 'This has to stop.'"

Protestors in Peekskill urged Schumer, who was not present, to oppose increased spending in the upcoming appropriations bill and vote to roll back funding for to 2019 levels. A vote on the embattled bill has a



ABBY LUBY PHOTO

Protestors at Friday's Defund Hate protest in Peekskill

September 30 deadline.

"We want to reduce the money that's going to ICE," said Gail Sasso, Organizer of CCoHOPE Indivisible, a regional organization made up of residents from Cortlandt, Croton-on-Hudson, Peekskill and Ossining, "Our grassroots effort will continue by calling our representatives on a regular basis and reaching out to residents and voters."

Sasso and Lemonik handed a three-

page letter from CCoHOPE Indivisible to Schumer's staffer, Megan Glander. The letter urged the senator to "Fight back against requested funding increases for ICE." The letter requested that Schumer "act in solidarity with us, immigrant communities across the country, and asylum seekers coming here for a better life, by holding firm during these negotiations to reduce funding to ICE and CBP..."

Peekskill City Councilman Colin Smith, who is running for Westchester County Legislator in District 1 in the upcoming 2019 election, said he was horrified at the Trump administration's policies towards the immigrant community. "The policies are nothing short of divisive and inhumane. Locking kids in cages makes America ashamed, not great," he said, referring to Texas-based immigrant processing centers that had detained some 900 unaccompanied children inside chain link fences.

Deputy Mayor Kathleen Talbot was adamant about voting Trump out of office in 2020. Talbot reminded protesters that Peekskill's Chief of Police Donald Halmy claimed some time ago he would not target undocumented immigrants in the city. A fiery Vanessa Agudelo, also a Peekskill councilwoman, denounced the overall treatment of immigrants.

"Immigrants are just like us. They are trying to find opportunities for themselves and their families. That should not be illegal. That should not be criminalized. That is why they are here," she asserted.

Marianna Stout, Organizer of CD17Indivisible, which is a group living in Nita Lowey's 17th Congressional district, said, "A rally like this is very effective. We were able to influence the 2018 election by defeating former state Senator Terrence Murphy. Our hope is to hold rallies on a regular basis for the next year leading up to the presidential election. The future is what we're working for."



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Campanelli said Homeland Towers would eventually seek a 160-foot-tall tower even though the application currently is for 20 feet lower.

The tower would lower the property values of neighboring homes, Campanelli said. Federal courts state that a municipality could also deny a cell tower if there are letters from real estate brokers that indicate property values would hurt are submitted to court, he said.

Campanelli also said the proposed tower was not needed for Verizon to provide

adequate service in the area.

The cell tower would "impact the value the value of my home," resident Robert Buckley said in opposition to the project.

The tower would have an adverse visual impact on his and other homes in his neighborhood, Buckley said. "Follow the letter of the law," he said. "Follow the town code."

Resident Emily Boswell said properties in the neighborhood are being considered for federal and state protection as historic landmarks and the area would be an inappropriate location for the planned tower.

Attorney for Homeland Towers, Robert

Gaudio, of Snyder and Snyder, responded to the criticisms of the tower proposal. There were six balloon tests recently conducted in the area of the proposed tower and the public was informed about when the tests would take place, he said.

Homeland Towers is before the zoning board of appeals to get a variance for the height of the proposed tower, Gaudio said.

Gaudio said, "Fifteen studies over five years" have proven that having a cell tower constructed does not lower property values. Key performance data, which include statistics on dropped calls, have proven the Verizon's need for the tower in the area,

Gaudio said.

The planning board adjourned the public hearing until its Oct. 9 meeting. Homeland Towers agreed to stop the deadline "clock" for the board to vote on its application until the end of October.

Dixon Road Tower Proposal

There was also much public opposition to the plan for the proposed Dixon Road tower, despite the announcement at the meeting from Gaudio that Homeland Towers had changed the location of the tower to the opposite end of the property.

Mahopac resident Robert Montanaro said the proposed Dixon Road tower would reduce property values in the area. "Smart planning" would be to look for a town-owned property to place the tower rather than Dixon Road, he said.

Another resident, Larry Grey, said a tower on Dixon Road would reduce the value of his home.

One resident, John Geary, spoke in support of the proposed Dixon Road tower. There are "coverage gaps" in the neighborhood where he lives, including at his home, precluding him from using his mobile phone on a consistent basis and prohibiting him from doing his job at home. "The coverage is bad," he said. "This is a soft area."

The planning board agreed to keep the public hearing on the proposed Dixon Road tower open for its Oct. 9 meeting. Like it did on its Croton Falls Road application, Homeland Towers agreed to stop the approval shot clock and let the board make its determination by the end of October.

Nearly all of the speakers panned the Dixon Road proposal.

Attorney for Homeland Towers, Robert Gaudio, of Snyder and Snyder, declined comment after the hearing.



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DAS Auto Parts and Truck Mahopac

By David Propper

John Recchia and John Fiore both like to say they think with the same brain.

As co-owners of DAS Auto Parts and Truck in Mahopac, the first cousins are able to mesh in the best possible way that's led them to early success at their new location only open for about a month. The store, located very visibly along Route 6 and specializes in auto parts and jeep and truck accessories, separates itself from other competing auto stores, Fiore said. This is the second DAS Auto Recchia and Fiore own; their first one is located in Yorktown, which opened three years ago.

"We'll do any auto part you need, but we're above and beyond," Fiore said. "We're just different... people just love the store."

Fiore, a Lincolndale resident, previously owned an auto store in Yonkers, but moved up to Yorktown and he and Recchia immersed themselves in that community. Then Fiore wanted to shoot to open a second location, though Recchia was more hesitant at first.

"We just saw an opportunity, this great location from the street and we're bringing something to Mahopac they don't have," Fiore said. A grand opening is expected at the end of September.

Before Fiore got into auto parts, he worked in the restaurant and bar business for 25 years and still does consulting on the



John Fiore (left) and John Recchia are owners of DAS Auto Parts and Truck in Mahopac.

side. He believes much like the food service industry, it's important to make customers at the auto store feel comfortable when making a purchase.

While some family members refuse to go into business together because it could lead to possibly strained relationships, Fiore said he and Recchia get along great.

"We always put our heads together over a nice meal and think about how we can be more successful and it works," Fiore said.



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The interior of the store is bright and sleek with everything for a driver's car and truck.

Both Recchia and Fiore were interested in cars growing up and to this day it remains a hobby for the two men. Between the two of them, they've owned about 200 cars. (Fiore's most prized car, which he still owns today, is a 1991 Testarossa in custom white.)

Recchia, who runs the Yorktown store, said he and Fiore have grown up together and it's been a pleasure to partner with someone who is on the same page as you. Both men played with toy cars as boys, Recchia said.

"We can help you with all the generic stuff, but we're also happy to go a step above and bring a real service, a real relationship and really help you with all the needs of your cars and trucks," Recchia said.

DAS Auto and Truck is located at 288 Route 6 in Mahopac and also located at 373 Downing Street in Yorktown. Its phone number for the Mahopac store is 845-208-6235 and its number for the Yorktown store is 914-352-6127.

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Health Dept. and Prevention Council Team Up to Fight Youth Tobacco Use

Results are in from the recent Tobacco 21 compliance check visits to local tobacco and vape shops. Out of 29 shops visited around the county from June 12 through August 12, none were found to be selling to young people. Tobacco 21 legislation went into effect earlier this year, making it illegal to sell tobacco, nicotine and vaping products to anyone under the age of 21. Previously the legal age to buy these products had been 18, and these compliance checks continue with distinct compliance result numbers under the longstanding ATUPA program, so named after the Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act.

"These compliance check results for Tobacco 21 are good news," said County Executive MaryEllen Odell, who was in support of the new legislation. "The Prevention Council of Putnam and our health department have done a good job of educating the public, legislators and now retail establishments. Obviously the word has been spread and stores are following the

law. Vaping has become a serious problem in our schools. This should help reduce that." Last fall she had thanked legislators for coming together on Tobacco 21, noting that "the health of our young people has prevailed."

Health Commissioner Michael J. Nesheiwat, MD, said that "many youth think vape products are a safe alternative to traditional cigarettes, but nothing can be further from the truth. There are a host of harmful ingredients, some of which are carcinogenic, in electronic cigarettes. Our staff have worked closely supervising local youth visits to Putnam's retail establishments to see if they would be able to purchase these items. We have had positive results with respect to enforcement of this much needed public health law."

Executive Director of The Prevention Council of Putnam Kristin McConnell thanked the health department for their enforcement efforts, saying "We have worked together to educate around this

Tobacco 21 for some time. But having a law on the books is just the first step. Without enforcement, there is no real health benefit."

For more than 20 years, the health department has coordinated youth visits to retail establishments to ensure tobacco products were not being sold to minors under 18, through ATUPA. Now with the sponsorship of the Prevention Council of Putnam, the compliance check program has been expanded and includes enforcement of Tobacco 21, which passed the Putnam legislature late last year. Statewide Tobacco 21 recently passed in Albany and will go into effect on November 13.

The Prevention Council of Putnam County is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1985. Its mission is promote education and awareness related to substance use disorders and problem gambling to the residents of Putnam County and the surrounding area, by providing up-to-date information and services related to prevention, treatment and recovery

PHC and County Dept. of Health to Host Falls Prevention Expo

Falls are the leading cause of injury-related deaths, hospitalizations and emergency visits among adults age 65 and over, according to the New York State Department of Health.

While falls present a serious threat to the health and independence of aging adults, there is a silver lining: education and prevention.

Putnam Hospital Center and the Putnam County Department of Health will co-host the Stand With Us: Falls Prevention Expo from noon to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Putnam Hospital Center, 670 Stoneleigh Ave. The event is in cooperation with the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources, Hudson Valley Regional Community Health Centers, Visiting Nurse Services in Westchester and The Plaza at Clover Lake. The event is

one of several coordinated with the Lower Hudson Valley Fall Prevention Network (LHVFPN) that for the first time organized a Lower Hudson Valley Fall Prevention Awareness Week effort.

Learn how to reduce your risk of falling at this complimentary community expo that will include balance screenings, gait analysis using the OptoGait system, tai chi demonstrations, home falls prevention assessments and prescription medication/falls risk review.

Refreshments will be served.

Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is preferred. To register or for more information, please contact Health Education Coordinator Sarena Chisick at 845-279-5711 ext. 2702 (TTY 800-421-1220) or schisick@health-quest.org.

Philipstown Bikes Day Scheduled

Almost one year ago, 107 area residents bicycled 196 rides around a 1.7-mile loop in the first annual Philipstown Bikes Day, clocking a total of 333.2 miles.

The Philipstown Trails Committee (PTC) is pleased to announce the second annual Philipstown Bikes Day Saturday, September 28. Rain date: Sept. 29. All are invited to join in the event and bicycle, walk or participate in any other non-motorized form. The event will be from 9 a.m. to noon and participants can join the loop at anytime. Event check-in will be in the upper parking lot of the Haldane public school at 15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring.

Participants will be part of an effort to bicycle 500 miles in the spirit of encouraging a healthy active lifestyle and reducing our carbon footprint to help the environment.

Participants who successfully complete the 1.7-mile circuit at least once will receive a commendation to recognize their participation in the event and support for a more bikable and walkable community.

We thank the Village of Cold Spring,

Nelsonville and Town of Philipstown for supporting the event, the Putnam County Sheriff's office for providing a crossing guard, and Downey Energy for the use of their parking lot to ensure a safe bike route.

The mission of the PTC is to create a walkable and bikeable Philipstown, where residents of all ages can safely access important local sites and recreational opportunities to develop a healthier, more environmentally friendly and socially connected community for all. The PTC is working to achieve their mission by encouraging local municipalities and the county to adopt Complete Streets policy, explore the creation of a Philipstown Trail connecting key community locations, and organizing an annual Philipstown Bikes Day.

The PTC consists of volunteers from The Philipstown Community Congress and other interested

persons and welcomes any other interested individuals. For further information or to volunteer to help with the Philipstown Bikes Day, please contact the Trails Committee co-chairs at philipstowntrails@gmail.com

The Trails Committee invites potential participants in the Philipstown Bikes Day to register in advance by emailing philipstowntrails@gmail.com





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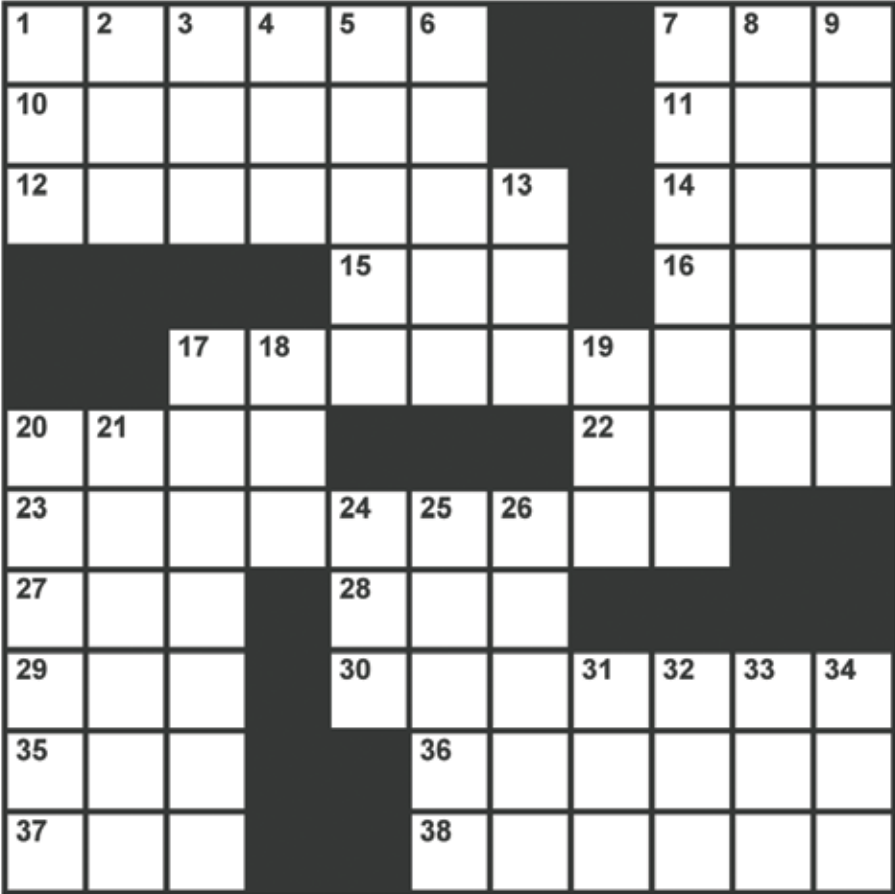
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Crossword Puzzle



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Answers on page 15

- Across**
- 1. "Keeping families afloat" in Mahopac, MacDonald ____
 - 7. S.F. hours
 - 10. "Aha!"
 - 11. Car followers
 - 12. Rock band ____ Mode
 - 14. Earl Grey for one
 - 15. Many, many years
 - 16. A Chaplin
 - 17. Good luck symbol
 - 20. Star turn
 - 22. Part of R.S.V.P.
 - 23. Down's a drink
 - 27. Nephew of Abraham
 - 28. Poppycock
 - 29. Small guitar
 - 30. Thug
 - 35. "To __, with love"
 - 36. Where to go for "proper choppers" in northern Westchester, Mohegan ____
 - 37. Fellows
 - 38. Scant

- Down**
- 1. Between
 - 2. No one can be rejected on the basis of this
 - 3. Pitcher, of a sort
 - 4. Suffix with Manhattan
 - 5. More likable
 - 6. Body of belief

- 7. Where you get fido's food
- 8. "Later"
- 9. Swaps
- 13. Hurricane heading, abbr.
- 17. Batters
- 18. Nosebag tidbit
- 19. Law and Order ____
- 20. Red-faced
- 21. Tyro
- 24. Dot follower, perhaps
- 25. Emotional tones
- 26. Sore throat cause briefly
- 31. All ____ day's work
- 32. Paper size
- 33. Musical syllables
- 34. Microbrewery output



Wells Seventh Graders Design Custom Orthotics

There were glue guns and dowels and a lot of chatter in Anthony Forte's classroom at Henry H. Wells Middle School as groups of students huddled over lab tables. With Chromebooks open and design sketches close at hand, the seventh graders were hard at work on foot orthosis prototypes.

The instant design challenge, which is part of a Project Lead the Way Design and Modeling class, required students to work in a group to "design, test, and build a model solution for patients with a

movement disorder."

"The idea is that they're building a prototype of a foot orthosis for someone with cerebral palsy," said Forte. "They're supposed to make a model, try it on, decide whether they want it inside the foot or outside the foot. And they have to follow specific criteria."

Some of the criteria students had to problem solve around included things like making sure the orthosis attaches to the patient's foot and lower leg, allows upward movement at the ankle, places

the foot flat on the floor when standing, is comfortable and removable.

Students were certainly up to the challenge. The room was full of laughter and excited conversation as they tried to figure out the best way to make their designs come to life. Most began by tracing one student's foot for the base, but from there the groups worked in different directions, utilizing materials like cardboard, foam, felt and duct tape.

"It's really fun to make," said Gerardo Guida, who noted how much he loves

hands-on projects. "I'm into making things."

The project incorporated all of the district's Strategic Coherence Plan skills. Students had to use critical thinking skills while they collaborated, adapted their designs when they ran into challenges, and persevered even when it seemed like they might not get their brace to stay together. They also worked on civic responsibility, as their design was intended to help people struggling with mobility issues.



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Obituaries

Adelaide Appel

Adelaide Appel, age 103 of Carmel died away peacefully on September 6, after living an incredibly long and healthy life. Adelaide was born in Bedford Village, on December 14, 1915 to the late Karl and Theresa (Brady) Schnaudigel. Adelaide has resided in Carmel, since 1925. She spent her early years working for Dr. Kelly as a physician secretary and then spent the rest of her employment at the Putnam County National Bank for over 40 years until she retired in 2003. Adelaide was easy to notice, always elegant in her appearance wearing a dress, heels, hat and gloves. Adelaide belonged to many clubs. She loved traveling, gardening, her Catholic faith was a big part of her life. But most of all she will be remembered for her love and devotion to her family and friends. Adelaide is survived by her loving son, John Appel, her three adoring grandchildren, Patricia, John, and Kerri (Kevin) and four cherished great grandchildren, Nicholas, Patrick, Grace and Kaitlin. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Adelaide is preceded in death by her daughter in law Barbara Appel in 2016. Also, her ex-husband, Karl and her brothers and sisters, Rudolph, Richard, Anne, George, and Margaret.

Stuart D. Schefers

Stuart D. Schefers of Cold Spring died peacefully on September 7, at home surrounded by his family. He was 75. Born on May 15, 1944 in Hackensack, New Jersey to the late Frances Harry Schefers Jr and Marion Dietrich. Stuart lived in Manhattan for many years and attended Hartwick College and Pace University. He was the Chef and Owner of Cold Spring Deport for 30 years prior to his retirement in 2015. He is survived by his Siblings Janet Olszewski and her husband E. Edward Marvin Olszewski, Joann Rasera and her husband Louis Rasera, Linda Coonrad and her husband David Coonrad and Steven H. Schefers and his wife Denielle. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service is planned for a later date with a time to be announced.

Anne Marie Nichter

Anne Marie Nichter of Cold Spring died peacefully on September 7, at NYP Hudson Valley Hospital. She was 87. Born on June 19, 1932 in Brooklyn, NY to the late William and Helen Hoffmann Trenkle, Anne grew up in Queens with her two sisters Mary and Helen. After graduating from Marymount College, NYC with a BA in Fine Arts and completing two years of Graduate Studies in Fine Arts at Columbia University while she worked as an administrative and legal secretary, Anne moved to Westchester County. There she used her administrative abilities by heading a variety of fundraising and political organizations. Anne was elected twice to public office in Westchester County where she served on the Hastings Town Board as a Trustee. She was also appointed District Representative by Congressman R.L. Ottinger and served on one of his governmental advisory committees. In 1972 she moved her family to Garrison where she

worked for Galligan Real Estate, then went on to further her education earning her Juris Doctor degree from Pace University. After passing the Bar Exam she was accepted into the New York State Bar working for David, Schreiber and Associates, NYC. Later she partnered with Arie David to form David and Associates in New York City while continuing to Broker both domestic and foreign real estate. Anne was also very community oriented in Philipstown having volunteered for the Garrison Ambulance Corps, Past Secretary - Wetlands Advisory Committee, Past Chair - Zoning Board of Appeals, Office Manager - Constitution Island Association and Elected New York State Certified Assessor. Anne was a talented Artist and was awarded First Prize, Mixed Media, from Kansas City Museum. She was one of the first employees at Tallix Foundry when it was located in Peekskill, as well as a published author, Book of Riverside Poets. Anne is survived by her loving partner of 27 years Robert Watahovich, loving children William Malarkey, Charles Malarkey, Daniel Malarkey, Patricia Cornwell and her husband Charles and John Nichter and his wife Ingrid. Cherished grandchildren Adeline Nichter and Patrick Malarkey. One loving great grandchild Alanea Malarkey.

Helen E. Robinson

Helen E. Robinson of Nelsonville died peacefully on September 8, at Wingate at Dutchess. She was 96. Born on April 6, 1923 in Newburgh to the late Kenneth and Elizabeth Darrow Jaycox. Helen was a member of the Cold Spring United Methodist Church for many years. She is survived by her loving children Wayne Robinson and his wife Maryann of Cold Spring and Janice Ferguson of Cold Spring. Cherished grandchildren Sean Ferguson, Wayne Robinson and Nicole Robinson. Loving Great Grandchildren Jordan, Jackson and Sarah. Helen was predeceased by her husband Chester J. Robinson in 2002 and her sister Lois Knapp.

Jane D. Palmer

Jane D. Palmer, died on September 9. A 60-year resident of Brewster. Jane was born in Mt. Kisco to Charles and Lee Dedde of Chappaqua. Jane grew up in Chappaqua and graduated from Horace Greeley High School. In 1952 she married the love of her life John T. Palmer at St. John and Mary Church in her hometown. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Brewster to raise their family. Jane was a homemaker who raised a family of three children. She was a devote Catholic and parishioner of St. Lawrence O'Toole Church. She also was a member of the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed traveling but was very fond of visiting the coast of Maine. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and family, plus was a huge Yankee fan. Jane was predeceased by her husband John as well as a brother Charles. She is survived by her children; Deborah Ashby (Thomas) of Manchester, NH, John T. Jr. of Danbury, CT, and Maureen Beltrandi(Paul) of Mechanicsburgh, PA. She is also survived by four grandchildren; Lauren and Olivia Ashby, Luke(Brianna) and

Kyra Beltrandi, and two greatgrandchildren Izabella and Rilee Beltrandi.

Mary Duane

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Mary Duane, 75, of Carmel, announces her passing on September 10, surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Duane was born on April 12, 1944 in Springfield, MA to the late, Samuel and Margaret (McNamara) Boyle. On April 30, 1966 she married the love of her life, John T. Duane at Sacred Heart Church in the Bronx, NY and they were blessed with two children; Donna and Michael. In 1976, Mary and John decided to call Carmel home to raise their children. Mary worked as a Mailroom Assistant for Guidepost in Carmel. Mary was always very active in her community and was a life-long member of the Carmel fire Ladies Auxiliary. She always believed in putting others first, even before her own needs and was always willing to lend a helping hand. In her spare time, Mary enjoyed her trips to Las Vegas, Foxwoods, Atlantic City and going to see Celine Dion in concert also playing softball. Watching Day of our Lives, and most of all, her Pepsi. Mary was a devoted wife, a loving mother, grandmother, sister, Aunt, and a friend to many. She will be dearly missed by all, who had known and loved her. Mary is survived by her two loving children; Donna (Michael) Jaeschke and Michael Duane, her two cherished grandchildren; Amanda and Tyler, whom she adored and each child held a special place in her heart. Mary is also survived by her brother Lawrence Boyle and sister in law Eileen Boyle, and also her nieces and nephews. Mary is predeceased by her beloved husband, John and her sister Patricia Wilson.

Rena Merlini

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Rena Merlini, 88, of Mahopac, announces her passing on September 11, at Putnam Hospital Center. Rena was born on August 31, 1931 to the late John and Mary Valla in New York City. After graduating from Julia Richman High School she went on to work as a Secretary for Metropolitan Life Insurance in Manhattan. On February 6, 1960 she married the love of her life, Louis Merlini. They honeymooned in the Pocono Mountains and they were blessed with two children, Paul and Lauraine. She enjoyed her career as a secretary at MetLife and her family gave her much joy. Rena was a devoted wife and a loving mother; there was nothing she would not do for her children. When she was told she was going to be grandmother, she was beyond happy and excited. Rena enjoyed every minute she spent with her three grandchildren, who fondly called her Nana. She attended their school and sporting events and she was their biggest cheerleader! In her spare time, Rena enjoyed the arts, reading, and caring for the flowers in her garden. In addition to that, she enjoyed walking, swimming and being on the beach. Lake Mahopac was a favorite spot for her and she spent a lot of her free time there when she was younger. Rena was an active community member and very involved with the Senior Citizen Center in Mahopac as

well as a member of the Red Hats Society. Rena always enjoyed her Sunday dinners with her family; she instilled in her children and grandchildren the value of family and friends and being proud of their Italian heritage. Rena is survived by her two loving children: Paul Merlini and his wife, Susanne and Lauraine Lucchesi and her husband, John. In addition, she is survived by her three cherished grandchildren: Matthew, Jessica, and Christopher. Each grandchild held a special place in her heart. Many loving relatives and friends also survive Rena. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her, but her legacy of love and devotion to family and friends will continue to grow in their hearts. Rena is predeceased by her beloved husband Louis, who passed away in 2000.

Joan P. Heady

Joan P. Heady age 83 of Brewster, died on Wednesday, September 11, peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. Joan was born November 5, 1935 in White Plains, daughter of the late Vincent and Doris Barbarossa. She was a 1954 graduate of White Plains High School. On August 7, 1955 she married Walter O. Heady who predeceased her in 2008. Joan is survived by her three daughters; Jo Ann Hodges (Gary) of Springville; Linda A. Bryson (Paul) and Joyce M. Heady (Mike), both of Brewster; a brother George Barbarossa (Linda) of Brewster, a sister-in-law Jean Barbaraossa and brother-in-law Constantino Lucanera; four grandchildren, Melissa Bryson, Megan Bryson-Jaccino (Steve), Paul Bryson Jr. and Gregory Hodges, a great grandson, Kurt Nicholas Guldán. Also, several nieces and nephews. Joan was pre-deceased by her brothers, Vincent and Fred, her sister Viola and brothers-in-law Leon and Allen Heady. Joan lived life for her family. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, October 5, noon at Peach Pond Cemetery, Route 121, North Salem, NY. A private cremation was held earlier. In lieu of flowers, Contributions in Joan's memory may be made to the North Salem Ambulance Corps., P.O. Box 427, Croton Falls, NY 10519 AND/OR St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



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A Bit of Nostalgia: When Homes Came in a Big Box From Sears

Recently I read a reference to a "Sears home" and was reminded of my experience with this bit of nostalgia in the American home sketchbook.

As a realtor who works very much in the present, I nevertheless always seek out the history of older homes, having owned one for some years from the 18th century. And, the history of the Sears home is one of some interest.

A while back, I received a call from a 92-year-old man telling me that he had read every one of my articles since I started writing as The Home Guru. I was quite flattered. When he told me that he wouldn't consider having anyone else sell the house that he had lived in since he was married, I was delighted.

But, when he told me it was a Sears-Roebuck house, built from a kit, I was thrilled. I couldn't wait to see it.

My enthusiasm dampened a bit when he added, "But I warn you, to reach my home you must climb exactly 50 steps up from the street!" Okay, I'm game, I thought. If this 92-year-old can cut it, certainly I can too.

When I arrived at the home in the quarry neighborhood in North White Plains, we ventured the climb to the flat plateau in the sky where the charming home was



By Bill Primavera

perched, almost exactly as it was constructed in 1930.

Having been married to his first wife for more than 60 years, then left a widower for a while, he had just remarried and was heading to New England. The home he was leaving behind for another generation of home adventurers is also delightful as a piece of Americana.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. first conceived of selling ready-to-assemble homes by mail order in 1906 in response to a financial dilemma. High inventory costs threatened to close their building supplies department, until a new manager named Frank W. Kushel had the idea of letting the factories ship supplies directly

to the buyers in the form of complete home kits.

The trustworthiness of the Sears catalogs already helped the buying public become comfortable with the idea of buying items sight unseen. By the time the first Book of Modern Homes and Building Plans was printed in 1908, customers were ready to trust Sears with what was likely to be the biggest purchase they would ever make.

Kits weighed 25 tons and were shipped by a combination of railroad boxcar and sometimes truck. Often families would wait at the train station in a state of

high anticipation. Like Ikea today with furniture, the innovations and efficiencies Sears brought to its home kits made home ownership affordable to families who previously could only dream of having a place of their own.

The innovative "balloon-style" framing helped reduce the hours needed to assemble a house by 40 percent compared to standard construction methods. In fact, the process of assembling the homes from kits was simple enough that neighbors sometimes pitched in to do the job themselves, barn-raising style. All the major pieces were numbered, every beam, shingle and clapboard, and there was just the right number of nails so there would never be any guesswork for the novice builder.

Today, that attention to detail helps owners identify their houses as being authentic Sears Modern Homes. The numbers are still visible on many of the untreated pieces.

Modern Homes incorporated the newest technologies for comfortable living, gradually adding central heating, indoor plumbing and electricity to most of their designs. They also utilized the newly invented drywall and asphalt shingles, which were light weight, easy to install and fire resistant.

From 1908 to 1940, about 75,000 homes were sold through the mail-order Modern Homes program. There were 447 different housing styles available that branched into three distinct lines: Honor Bilt, the most expensive line with the highest grade

materials; Standard Built, recommended for warmer climates; and Simplex Sectional, the smallest and simplest designs.

Not only did prospective homeowners have many designs to choose from, but the designs allowed for customization. Floor plans could be reversed, breakfast nooks and ironing board cabinets added and trim customized. Sears even assembled home kits based on any other home design.

Sears offered mortgage financing for a few years, but the Great Depression caused many loans to go into default. The company ended the service soon afterward.

It's not always easy to identify a Sears home, especially as homeowners were given such freedom in customizing the designs. To determine if a home is from Sears, check to see if it was built between 1908 and 1940. (A few old kits were sold through 1942.) Then check if there are any shipping labels or the aforementioned printed numbers in the home framework.

Another good sign of a Sears Modern Home is a record of a mortgage issued by Sears.

Even after all these years, Sears homes are still prized by collectors and are known for being of high quality in even their most humble variations.

Bill Primavera is a Realtor® with William Raveis Real Estate. To engage the services of The Home Guru and his team to market your home for sale, call 914-522-2076.

It's Time to Experiment With Those Other Wines



By Nick Antonaccio

Are you stuck in a wine rut? Still drinking your go-to wine from last year? Or worse, from the last decade?

In today's pressurized work and social environment, thinking outside the box may not seem all

it's touted to be. There's a certain comfort in reaching for your favorite wine, knowing that it will generally meet your expectations every time.

Worse, are you intimidated each time you have to make a decision on what wine to drink? Do you think it takes some innate DNA gene to truly appreciate wine?

If you are nodding your head right now, then it's time to venture into today's plethora of excellent wines. Today, there are more well-made wines available than ever before, at prices that meet everyone's price point. And there is a simple path to take.

I've found that one of the best ways to acquire a "wine-sense" is to simply buy a case of mixed wines, take them home and start drinking. It's fun and you'll be amazed how quickly you'll hone your preferences and gain an understanding of the basics of wine. Here are three easy steps to follow:

First, visit your go-to local wine shop. Purchase

a case of six white and six red wines from around the world. Yes, you may prefer red or white, but notwithstanding any allergic reaction to a particular grape, you may find your palate favors a wine your psyche doesn't. Remember those steamed Brussel sprouts you avoided in your youth? Remember how your opinion changed when as an adult you first tasted Brussel sprouts roasted with garlic in extra virgin olive oil and aged balsamic vinegar?

Graeme Goldstein, the wine guru at Art of Wine on Bedford Road in Pleasantville, has a customer-friendly approach. He tastes a significant number of the wines he sells.

"I think it's important to be able to describe a wine from first-hand experience," Goldstein said.

Be sure to set a suitable price range for your budget. I suggest an average price-point of \$15 per bottle and a range of \$8 to \$20.

Try wines from grapes with which you have familiarity, but break away from the region of origin you've been consuming.

Like Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand? Why not South Africa, Napa Valley, Chile or Bordeaux and the Loire Valley in France?

Try wines from grapes you may never have heard of. Like big, bold Cabernet Sauvignons? Consider experimenting with Tannat, Touriga Nacional and Barbera. The

You Heard It Through the Grapevine

possibilities proliferate on wine shop shelves.

The fun begins in the second step. Each time the opportunity arises at dinnertime, open one of the bottles and pair it with your meal. This may seem daunting at first, but fear not.

Certain guidelines will help you through the maze. Try the opened bottle without food. Do you detect certain aromas of flowers, berries or fruit? Do the aromas and taste overpower your individual palate? Conversely, are they too bland?

Next, and most important, try this same bottle with the meal at hand. You will notice a perceptible change in your opinion of the wine.

The third step: Jot down the particulars of the wine you just tasted. Record country, vintage, grape variety, your food pairing and what you liked and didn't like about it.

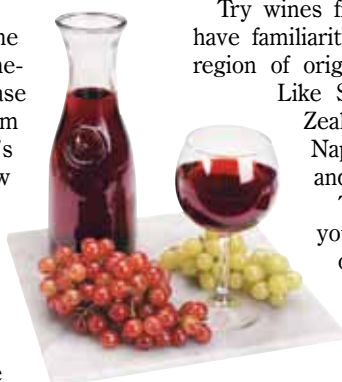
Simple notes are the best.

Once you've exhausted your case of wine, review your notes. Return to your wine merchant and have him or her select another case of wine that focuses on your newly-developed wine palette and repeat the three steps.

As you continue this refining process, you'll feel more comfortable each time you walk into a wine shop or are presented with a restaurant wine list.

Be gone intimidation! Welcome self-confidence!

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Tuesday, September 17

Fall Storytimes: Storytimes include books, rhymes, songs, movement, and activities to encourage language development. Registration is required. The Kent Library is located at 17 Sybil's Crossing and can be reached at (845) 225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

New York Blood Center Blood Drive at Mahopac Public Library. 2 p.m. -6:30 p.m. You may donate if you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with written consent from parent or legal guardian), weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health. For more information about donating blood, or to schedule your donation, visit <https://nybloodcenter.org/>, or call (800) 933-2566.

Pizza & Pages Book Club: 4 p.m. Books are always better with food! Come to our once-a-month book club where we'll talk about fantastic fiction and devour delicious pizza. For kids in Grades 5th - 8th. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

PV Monthly commission meeting: 7 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation office. Oscawana Lake Rd, PV.

Wednesday, September 18

Preparing for the High Holidays: three free events open to the community for personal preparation for the High Holidays: a one-night Hebrew Refresher Class 9-18. An adult education evening focusing on spiritual growth on 9-19 and a Movie Night 9-21 for the observation of Selichot, an evening to think deeply about teshuvah, returning to the true self. All of the events will be held at the temple located at 362 Church Road in Putnam Valley. RSVP to RTPVinfo@gmail.com For more information, visit the RTPV website at www.rtpv.org

Lotus Flower Lantern Craft Workshop: 11 a.m. Make a lovely lotus flower lantern with members of the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project. Registration required, please call the library to register, 845-225-2439.

Light Bite Book Group. 1 p.m. Join us at the Light Bite Book Group which meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Mahopac Library. New members are always welcome. This month the group will discuss Inheritance: a memoir of genealogy, paternity and love by Dani Shapiro. Pick up a copy at the Library's Circulation Desk. Call for information: 845-628-2009, ext 100.

Mahopac Public Library Board of Trustees meeting; 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. For information visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

Foreign Film screening at Mahopac Library: 6:30 p.m. The Bicycle Thief. Screened in Italian with English subtitles. Popcorn provided. Registration is requested. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

The Interfaith Council of Yorktown together with Race Amity of Northern Westchester & Putnam present Race & Faith, a community exploration of history, issues, and solutions. Each evening we will view a different short video presentation with a discussion to follow. This free event is suitable for high schoolers and older. Refreshments will be served. 7:00 p.m. Temple Beth Am, 203 Church Place, Yorktown, Thursday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 3830 Gomer Street, Yorktown. Thursday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 2880 Crompond Road, Yorktown For additional information, contact jstavans@gmail.com

Friday, September 20

Life Saving Overdose Prevention:

12:30 p.m. In this workshop you will learn: what you need and want to know about NARCAN, how to recognize a heroin/opioid overdose, best practices in the event of an overdose, and local Stats and trends. This workshop is presented by Tammy Bender & Naura Slivinsky; registration is required. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext 100.

Saturday, September 21

Book Sale: Through Sunday, September 29 on the grounds of the Patterson Volunteer Fire Department, 13 Burdick Road, at Route 311. Check out the huge selection of gently used books in over 40 categories. Hours: Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m. Free admission

Teen Leadership Council: TLC 10 a.m. Teen Leadership Council is a program for teens run by teens. Earn community service hours, plan programs for your peers and mentor younger kids in children's programs. For Grades 7th and up. For more information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 x10 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click Calendar.

Hebrew Congregation of Somers Shabbat Service New Rabbi, New Year, New Beginnings. Shabbat service at 9:30am, followed by Lunch & Learn, a discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Rabbi Shoshana Leis. Kiddush luncheon will be served. Hebrew Congregation of Somers is a small, informal and friendly synagogue affiliated with the Reconstructionist movement. First-year membership is free and includes High Holiday tickets. Email info@hebrewcongregationofsomers.org or call 914-248-9532 for more information.

Sunday, September 22

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Jewish Women's Circle At Chabad Of Putnam: Chabad of Putnam's JWC invites women to join us for a beautiful event in an outdoor setting. Hone your baking skills as you prepare delicious challah for Rosh Hashana. Enjoy a cooking demo of delicious kugels that are sure to please your palette. Enter a raffle to win a Balaboosta Cookbook. 6 p.m. | \$15 RSVP www.PutnamChabad.org/ RSVP or by calling 845.225.4770

Join the Italian American Club of Mahopac Gala Celebration Putnam County Columbus Dinner Dance. Villa Barone Hilltop Manor Route 6 in Mahopac. Cocktail Hour and Open Bar start at 1:30 p.m., More information can be found visiting our website: ItalianAmericanClubofMahopac.org

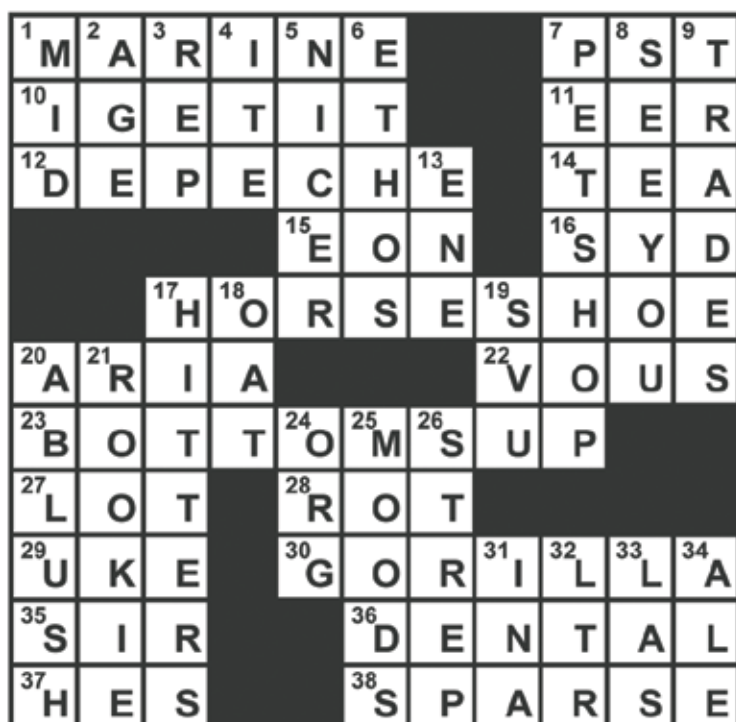
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Cash Bingo: The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Cash Bingo on Sunday Sept 22 at the Knights of Columbus, 10 Fair Street in Carmel, NY. Cost of admission is \$30 - Jackpot \$500. Doors open 1:00 pm & calling begins @ 2:00pm. September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness month. Proceeds will be donated to those causes. Questions email Ladieskofo@gmail.com

Monday, September 23

Mahopac Public Library's Fall Early Literacy program registration begins in-person and online. 10:00 a.m., To register online visit www.mahopaclibrary.org, and view the October 2019 calendar to register for a program that is appropriate for your child. For further information call 845-628-2009, ext 139.

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Notice is hereby given that the Town of Putnam Valley has received a wetlands application from the following applicant: **WT 18/19 131 Lake Drive Corp. 131 Lake Drive TM# 83.82-1-42 WT19/19 John & Christina Piecuch 8 Bryant Pond Road TM# 63.3-39**

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE AND RECYCLABLES FROM VARIOUS DISTRICTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY DUE DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2019, 2:00 PM The Town of Putnam Valley is soliciting bids for the collection and disposal of residential garbage, solid waste and recyclables from various Districts within the Town. Sealed proposals must be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Putnam Valley by 2:00 pm, October 1, 2019 at the Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Bidders may obtain information on population and number of households for the purpose of this bid. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the "Town of Putnam Valley" in the minimum amount of \$1000.00. A packet with all bid specifications and contract documents may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk, The Town shall have the right to accept any or

all of the items on each proposal form and to advertise for new proposals, if in its opinion the best interest of the Town will thereby be promoted. The transfer station will no longer be used, therefore you need to locate your own tipping facility. We also request that you bid on a one, two or three year contract. The Town reserves the right to select any option. **Sherry Howard, Town Clerk Dated 9/12/2019**

Town of Putnam Valley Town Board Meeting September 18, 2019 6 P.M.

1. Pledge of allegiance. 2. Departmental Reports. Highway to discuss Tinker Hill; Ron Cummings to speak. 3. Presentation by Board of Elections: Commissioners Anthony Scannapieco and Catherine Croft. 4. Supervisor's Comments 5. Legislative Report 6. School Report 7. Authorize Supervisor to pay Fowler Fuel \$24,500 for the emergency replacement of The Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps' failed and broken furnace. 8. Appoint Michael Mocuski to the Board of Assessment Review for the period 10/1/2019 to 9/30/24 Highway 9. Appoint Jeffrey Lutz as temporary laborer at \$14. Per hour with no benefit to work with LPID while they have bulk pick up. Districts 10. Declare certain equipment as surplus and authorize it to be sold as scrap. Parks & Recreation 11. Personnel changes 12. Refunds Building Department 13. Daily fee report for August. 14. Budget Transfers 15. Public Comment 16. Audit of monthly bills.

Notice is hereby given to interested parties that a **Public Hearing will be held by the Putnam Valley Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday September 26, 2019 at 6:30 at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road** for the purpose of considering the following petitions and requests together with all other matters that may properly come before the Board at this time. **AGENDA New Application 1. Levy, Noah, 280 West Shore Drive, 62.6-1-3, 4 & 5; R-3 Request variance under Section 165-27 D (1) & (2) for dock extension and variance under Section 165-27 G (1) for shed. A side and lake**

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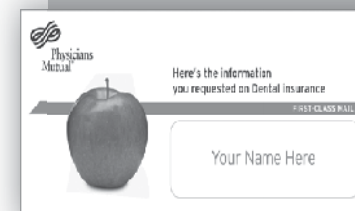
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front variance for shed. 2. Sposato, Adam, 694 Sprout Brook Road, 72.15-1-23; R-1 Request variance under Section 165-44 A (1) & (2) of the Zoning Code for proposed accessory apartment. **BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILLIAM MASKIELL CHAIRMAN**

NOTICE 9/2019 Please be advised that the next meeting of the **Planning Board** will be held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday September 23, 2019 for the purpose of considering the following applications: **Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING** The following public hearings have been scheduled for September 23, 2019 at 6:00PM (or as soon thereafter as agenda conditions permit) at the Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, 10579. All interested parties are invited to attend and will be heard. A copy of the application materials and plans may be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Planning Board Clerk, Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall. 1. Kelly, Rick- Birch Hill Road (TM#73.-1-89/File 2019-0197) The subject property consists of +/- 20.9 acres of land and is located on Birch Hill Road and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing a single family residence with driveway, well, septic system, retaining wall and rain garden. A Site Development Plan and Major Grading Permit is required. 2. Putnam Valley Fire Station- Oscawana Lake Road (TM#72.20-1-7.12& 7.11/

File2019-0199) The subject property consist of +/- 10.3 acres of land and is located on Oscawana Lake Road and within the R-2 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing soil remediation of contaminated fill that was placed on the Fire Department and the Ambulance Corps. Properties. The remedial design project includes re-grading the unstable slopes and construction of a clean soil cover over the top of the contaminated fill. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 3. Approve Minutes of September 9, 2019

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Mahopac
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RAY GALLAGHER PHOTO

Mahopac senior M Jenna Daly gets her head on a 50-50 battle she won in the Indians’ 4-1 setback to visiting perennial powerhouse North Rockland Saturday when the ‘Pac, which trailed 1-0 at the half, suffered it first loss of the season after opening with wins over Mamaroneck and Clarkstown North earlier in the week... see Soccer Notebook

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Grid Notebook

Yorktown Takes Somers to Task, Turns Class A Upside Down

By Ray Gallagher
Examiner Sports Editor @Directrays

Section 1 Class A football just got thrown for a loop last Friday.

Yorktown's offensive linemen set the tone in the visiting Huskers' 30-12 win over Somers, which came in with all the hype but left humbled. Eddie Capone, Gerald Gentile, Jack Tinari, Matteo Cermele, Mike Benzinger and Johnny Bowen – Yorktown's grunts up front -- opened lanes and creases for a Husker rushing attack that put up 459 yards and three TDs.

Yorktown hybrid WR/RB Keith Boyer and HB Dylan Smith combined for 397 yards on the ground and 449 yards of offense, and the underdog Huskers (2-0) hushed Tusker Nation (1-1) before an SRO crowd. Both Boyer and Smith scored a pair of touchdowns, doing so as the best athletes on a field full of 'em.

"I told the offensive line all game that they are the difference in our offensive performance," Yorktown Coach Mike Rescigno, a former All-NYS linemen at Carmel and Hofstra, said. "Those kids were flying around, and the defensive line as well. Gabe Valentin jumped off the film for us, too. Those are selfless positions filled by selfless players."

Boyer made the most of his touches, including 47 yards and a score on the ground, plus 156 yards receiving on four catches, including an electrifying 91-yard, one-handed grab and streak to paydirt. Smith was the workhorse, rushing for 259 yards on 20 carries, including two for scores.

Yorktown QB Trevvon Johnson added another 59 yards on the ground and 182



RAY GALLAGHER/BILL KENNEDY PHOTOS
Mahopac QB Anthony DeMatteo fires his first varsity TD pass in Indians' gut-wrenching 20-19 loss to host RCK Friday.

yards through the air, including the TD pass to Boyer, a lax All-American by trade.

Coach Rescigno played the underdog card up all week, unifying the troops like few coaches in Section 1 can.

"To be perfectly honest, what I told them at the beginning of the game is that only the people in this room know what we are capable of," Rescigno said. "I told them that nobody believes in them more than me. I told them they were never more prepared, that all they had to do was fight. Most importantly, never give up... ever! I can tell you that every kid in the room was ready to do whatever it took. At the end of the game, the emotion was unmatched. I may or may

not have used this opportunity to predict that they will find a few more believers in their corner now. Regardless, we have just enough in our locker room."

Somers, truth be told, was hampered by a rash of injuries, including a second-quarter knee injury that kept RB/DB Charlie Balancia sidelined for the better part of the game, and, in all probability, Week 3 vs. Rye, as well. Regardless, the balance of power has shifted, and Yorktown will now be mentioned among the Class A elites, including defending champion John Jay CR, Rye and, to a lesser extent now, Somers.

"I reminded them that we succeed one week at a time, one play at a time, one

brawl at a time," Rescigno said. "Our work ethic has to be the same as it has been for the past month... relentless and selfless with laser focus in school and on the field. It's only week two. Beating our rival in their house is always sweet, but can also be a trap. This is one big game in a long season of tests. Our next test is Tappan Zee. Lots of work to be done. The celebration is over. I love this team. Every single player and coach is subordinate to team. That makes the work a pleasure. I am grateful to do it in the company of my players, staff, and loyal community."

CLASS A

LAKELAND romped at home over Poughkeepsie, winning 52-6 behind a more decisive RB Matt Makar (eight carries for 102 yards and three touchdowns). Hornet RB Mike Castelli (70 yards and a score) provided a legit complimentary threat. QB Tyler Santucci hit on 11 of 12 passes for 135 yards, including a TD pass to Rob Nardelli. WR Danny Liberti added six catches for 70 yards for the Hornets (1-1) while Josh Gufridda (7 tackles) was active on defense. The Lakeland offensive line made holes all night. The Pioneers will think twice about pre-game dancing at midfield on the Hornet next time...

BREWSTER saw shifty RB Tommy Consolato score three touchdowns in a 28-14 win over Our Lady of Lourdes, including a pair of scoring strikes from sophomore QB Chris Donohue and a pick-6. Bears WR Paul Catalano added a TD catch, and the Bears (2-0) are suddenly on everyone's radar...

Defending Section 1 champion John Jay-Cross River showed **HEN HUD** just how much work there is to do in a 34-7 pounding of the visiting Sailors. Jay QB Luke Mercer hit on 6 of 9 passes for 187 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 110 yards on three TD jaunts...

PANAS saw QB Mark Perez fire a 29-yard TD pass to WR Evan Harkin for the Panthers (0-2) lone score in a 14-4 loss to Beacon...

CLASS AA

MAHOPAC had its heart ripped out in a 20-19 league loss to host Ketcham last Friday. RCK's Oscar Gonzalez had an interception in the final minute to seal the deal after Gio Sagginario plunged home the game-winning score with 1:27 remaining. Mahopac scored 19-straight points to erase a huge deficit, but the youthful Indians could not hold on for a win they desperately needed. Mahopac RB Vin Bastone was a beast on both sides of the ball, gathering a 50-yard scoop and score on defense and 13 carries for 64 yards and a score on offense.

Mahopac backup QB Anthony DeMatteo fired his first varsity TD pass, a 75-yard strike to Zach Esteves...

CARMEL after its 45-0 romp over host Port Chester, has little reason to believe it can't contend for a Class AA Final 4 spot after a topsy-turvy week that saw league favorite John Jay EF lose to Arlington. Sean McDonald scored his first varsity TD in the win while senior Alex Beauchesne scored twice, hauling in a scoring strike and scoring on special teams. Ram QB Andrew Nunez

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Yorktown's Sean Vogel gets up on RB Dylan Smith after one of two Smith TD jaunts in Huskers' 30-12 win over host Somers Friday.



Yorktown's Dylan Smith ran like a wrecking ball, gashing Somers for 238 yards on the ground and two scores in Huskers' 30-12 win over Tuskers Friday.

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Somers RB TJ Deagan gets upended in Tuskers' 30-12 loss to visiting Yorktown Friday.



Yorktown QB Trevvon Johnson, who hit on 6 of 11 for 153 yards passing and 62 yards rushing, fends off Somers DB Ken McGrane in 30-12 Husker win.



Somers QB Jackson Kossow is hunted by Yorktown LB Eddie Capone in Tuskers' 30-12 loss to Tuskers last Friday.



With blockers to boot, Mahopac's Vin Bastone takes a 50-yard fumble recovery to the house in Indians' 20-19 loss to host RCK Friday.

hit on 3 of 3 passes for 134 yards and a 67-yard TD pass to Beauchesne. RB James Cox led the way with 98 yards on the ground, including a TD. Andrew Bumgarner and Nunez scored a rushing TD as well...

CLASS D

HALDANE QB Daniel Santos tore it up in a 28-24 win over visiting Hastings Saturday, rushing 16 times for 188 yards and three touchdowns while connecting on 11 of 14 passes for 120 yards, including a TD pass to Doug Donaghy (5 grabs, 51 yards). It seems Santos is a threat to score every time he touches the ball.

NWE/Putnam Top 5 Grid Poll

No.1 YORKTOWN – Man, did the Huskers stuff a sock in this pollster's mouth, but eating crow never tasted so good. Not that any coach worth his weight in salt would ever look past Yorktown (2-0), but what they see on the film in the win over Somers will be enlightening, to say the least.

No.2 CARMEL – The Rams (1-1) took better care of the ball in rout of Port Chester,

but the tests get tougher from here on out, including visiting RCK this Friday.

No.3 SOMERS – Vaunted Tuskers (1-1) rushing attack never got on track vs. Yorktown, save for one powerful 69-yard scoring jaunt from junior Jack Kaiser. This was indeed an eye-opening setback, which could be followed by another in Week 3 vs. top-ranked Rye, but we suspect Somers will still provide Final 4 value and don't discount them as title contenders based on one sub-par effort.

No.4 BREWSTER – Bears' (2-0) win over Lourdes will get the attention of Class A coaches far and wide, including John Jay boss Jimmy Clark, who's speedy Indians will visit the Bears' den on Friday.

No.5 MAHOPAC – Had the Indians held on for victory in Week 2 over RCK, we're a lot more excited about Week 3 vs. John Jay EF, but the 'Pac had the ball and a shot to win and East Fishkill got its clock cleaned by Arlington, so League I-A – all of a sudden -- is anything but predictable.



Yorktown WR Keith Boyer gets loose for one of two TDs against Tusker LB Brian Marcus (28) in Huskers' 30-12 win over host Somers Friday.

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Hen Hud's Kira Varada scored a goal in Sailors' 2-1 win over Ella Yaeger and the Panas Panthers.

Pitch Perfect!



Hen Hud Nips Panas, 'Pac Falls to North Rock



Mahopac junior striker Mia Klammer gets fouled by North Rockland defender in Indians' 4-1 loss Saturday.



(Left) Panas' Molly Muller steps up for header in front of Hen Hud's Heather Riefenhauser in Panthers 2-1 loss to Sailors.



Lakeland's Jaskaran Singh heads ball past Hen Hud's Jason Luis in scoreless tie between the Hornets and Sailors last week.



Mahopac freshman Piper Klammer makes her move in 4-1 loss to North Rockland Saturday.



Mahopac junior M Hailey Pereira (L) scored the lone goal for the Indians in 4-1 loss to North Rockland Saturday.



Hen Hud's Erin Clark and Panas' Rhianna Candido get after it in Sailors' 2-1 win over Panthers last week.



RAY GALLAGHER/RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Hen Hud's John O'Connor and Lakeland's Jack Flannery mix it up in scoreless tie tie last week.



Lakeland's Linda Daly scored a goal in Hornets' 4-3 win over Hen Hud

Somers Impresses in Early Going, Lakeland Still Romping

By Tony Pinciario & Ray Gallagher

SOMERS had a plan coming into the 2019 varsity field hockey season.

“Our team knew what we had to do to improve so we could do even better than we did last year,” said Captain Erin Clark. “We worked very hard during preseason and knew that to do well this season we needed to always put 100 effort into all we were doing.”

The determination and attention to detail during preseason has resulted in a quick Somers start as the Tuskers have won four of their first five games.

Somers improved to 4-1 with a pair of shutouts – 5-0 over Pearl River and 4-0 over Harrison. Somers, annually, has a difficult schedule, so the Tuskers wanted to be focused from day one of preseason in order to be ready for the opposition.

“We knew that with our schedule this year, we needed to work really hard in each and every game we played,” Clark said. “This is true especially in games we lost last year that we felt we should have won.”

Somers’ loss came to Scarsdale in the Tuskers’ tournament, so instead of dwelling on it, Clark said the team learned from it.

“Overall, we learned that we need to move the ball faster and really execute on our shots,” Clark explained. “Scarsdale is a very fast team and to get the ball up the field against a team like them we needed to move the ball even faster than the game before and transfer the field more.”

While the offense has been racking up goals, the defense has been airtight, especially against Pearl River and Harrison. The shutout of Pearl River was sweet revenge for Somers as the Pirates eliminated the Tuskers, in a shoot-out, in the quarterfinal round of the 2018 Section 1 Class B Field Hockey Championship.

“Having two shutouts, recently, and especially against Pearl River, was a big win for us as a team,” Clark said. “After losing



RICK KUPERBERG PHOTOS

Lakeland’s Jenna McCrudden, who went against Yorktown’s Julia Ferone has 13 goals & 9 assists in Hornets’ 5-0 start, including 4-0 win over Class AA power Mamaroneck.

to them in sectionals last year, we knew this year we had to give it our all on the field.”

LAKELAND continued its early-season roll, winning three more games and improving to 6-0 under Coach Sharon Sarsen.

The 10-time reigning Section 1 Class B champion Hornets swept the Rockland County leg – 9-0 over Nanuet and 5-0 over Pearl River. Lakeland closed out the week with a 9-2 triumph of Section 2’s Guilderland, which became the first team to score on Lakeland this season.

“The way we’ve taken to everything Sars has told us and put it out there on the field is really awesome and shows how coachable our team is as a whole,” said senior and Captain Jenna McCrudden

Emma Fon led Lakeland with a career-high four goals against Guilderland. Keirra

Ettere added two goals and two assists, McCrudden finished with a goal and two assists and Laure Salazar and Frankie Fava each scored.

Pearl River limited Lakeland to five goals, the Hornets’ second-lowest offensive showing of the season. Mamaroneck held Lakeland to a season-low four goals.

Salazar and Fon each netted two goals and Emma Halderman contributed one goal and two assists.

“Getting contributions from many players, offensively, shows our depth as a team and shows how everyone is capable of scoring,” McCrudden said.

Lakeland began the week with a win over Nanuet as McCrudden had a hat trick and two assists. Halderman and Fon had two goals apiece and Salazar and Ettere each had a goal.

Lakeland returns to action Saturday as the Hornets play Biddeford (Me.), 3 p.m., in the Max Field Hockey National Invitational in Pennsylvania. Lakeland will play Dexter (Mi.), Sunday, 10 a.m.

“The entire program is so excited

to be recognized as a top team in the country,” McCrudden said. “Going into this tournament, our goal is to keep improving and getting better as a team, not necessarily win.”

PUTNAM VALLEY allowed one goal in two games, but came away with a split as it beat Briarcliff, 2-0, but dropped a 1-0 verdict to North Salem.

“North Salem is always a very disciplined and tough team to play against,” Putnam Valley Coach Courtney Hyndman said. “I think that our team played pretty well against them, despite the loss. The girls had a slower start then we would have hoped for, but picked up intensity in the second half.”

Isabel Healy made six saves against North Salem. Sydney Goldberg scored a goal and assisted on Jessica Marro’s goal against Briarcliff.

“It was a great defensive effort by Lauren Seiler, Angelica Ordoñez, Julia Cunningham and Brianna Gambichler,” Hyndman said. Putnam Valley sports a 2-3 record.

HEN HUD opened its week with a loss to Pelham, but bounced back to earn a 2-2 tie with Sleepy Hollow. Logan Gouglemann scored a goal and assisted on Joyce Guevara’s goal. Jillian Attinelly registered an assist and goalies Olivia Doorley and Caroline Cornel combined for 10 saves. Hen Hud is now 1-1-2 this season.

MAHOPAC has shown improvement this season, including a 1-0 win at YORKTOWN last Friday. The winning goal was scored by Krista Dietz, assisted by Carly Ravoli. Indian goalie Katie Iarussi notched three saves for the shutout. The Indians followed that up with a 3-2 loss at White Plains Saturday, getting a goal from Ava Jennings and a goal and an assist by Dietz, who is emerging as a legit scoring threat. Iarussi stood on her head with 20 saves in the loss.

CARMEL was able to muster a 4-3 win over the same White Plains club, getting two goals apiece from Kylie Rosenquest and Caitlin Tully, who added two goals in a 3-2 loss to Fox Lane earlier in the week.

Local coaches from the Northern Westchester/Putnam County region are encouraged to contact Tony Pinciario at tfinch23@optonline.net for inclusion in our weekly notebook.



Yorktown’s Kelsey McDonnell and Lakeland’s Emma Halderman mix it up in recent action.

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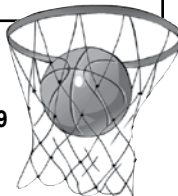
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